Educating people about diabetes

804. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10-12 per cent of the urban population and 2-3 per cent of the rural population is diabetic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per World Health Organisation report India will have 57 million diabetics by 2010; and

(c) if so, how do Government propose to educate people about diabetes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) World Health Organisation has estimated that India will have 57 million diabetics by the year 2025.

(c) Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) has strategies/programmes including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health Awareness about diabetes. 'Health Melas' also contribute to Public Awareness in this regard. CHEB is also holding Orientation Training Courses to provide diabetes education to health care professional.

Spurious medicines

805. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Medical Association found only four medicines to be genuine out of 53 samples of medicines;

(b) if so, whether similar raids have also been conducted in other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) since when such spurious medicines are being used in hospitals and sold by the chemists; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government against the manufacturers and sellers of such medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) There was a news report dated 25.10.2001 which stated that only 4 of the 53 samples of common and life saving drugs, which were lifted by the Drug Control Department had been found